

III. REMARKS

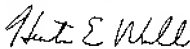
Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 9, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 17, 19 and 20 to in an attempt to comply with the Office's requirements. Claims 2-8, 10-16 and 18 depend from claims 1, 9 and 17, respectively. Applicants assert that these amendments further direct the invention to statutory subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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